

**Andree Greenberg - Update on Saltworks Proposal**

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**Date:** 11/4/2011 11:14 AM  
**Subject:** Update on Saltworks Proposal

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Good morning –

Redwood City was informed earlier today that DMB Associates, the applicant for the proposed Saltworks development, intends to engage in a continuing internal review and evaluation of their submitted proposal, in light of the volume of comments and feedback received during the initial scoping process. As more information and any revisions to the proposal are made available by the applicant, the City will carry on its analysis of the application.

Following the applicant's continuing review and evaluation, the City anticipates a second scoping period, including a revised Notice of Preparation and related project description. As you know, the scoping process provides an opportunity for the community and other stakeholders to provide comments to the official record as to what they feel should be included in the proposal's Environmental Impact Report (EIR). During the first scoping period, hundreds of thoughtful and valuable comments were received. The resulting Scoping Report (available online) was released in August, 2011, summarizing the concerns and issues raised regarding the scope and content of the EIR, the range of alternatives, environmental issues, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in the EIR.

The City of Redwood City remains committed to an open and transparent review of the proposed Saltworks Project application. This commitment includes keeping the community informed, facilitating participation in the process, and supporting the community's understanding of the Project. The environmental review process established by CEQA is a critical component of the City's review of the project and supports the City's commitment to a robust program of community involvement. The City will not make a decision regarding the Saltworks project application until the environmental review process has been completed and the EIR has been certified.

The City will continue to update its Saltworks website with more details about the application process, required studies, and schedule for the review process. For more information about the proposed Saltworks project, visit: [www.redwoodcity.org/saltworks](http://www.redwoodcity.org/saltworks).


Thank you,

~malcolm

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**Andree Greenberg - Fw: News Item**

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**Date:** 11/7/2011 2:47 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: News Item

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FYI, in case you haven't seen this yet.

----- Forwarded by Melissa Scianni/R9/USEPA/US on 11/07/2011 02:45 PM -----

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Redwood City Plant Site in the news:

### **DMB may slim Saltworks plan**

Major tweaks possible in controversial Redwood City housing proposal, developer says

BONNIE ESLINGER, Daily News 11/5/11

Substantial changes will be made to the controversial Redwood City Saltworks plan, including a possible reduction in the number of houses, a top official with the project's developer said Friday.

"A material evolution of the plan is what people will see," said David Smith, vice president of Arizona based DMB Associates. "We're looking at everything— how many people are going to be out there, how much traffic, the schools, levies, wetland restoration, we're looking at all of that."

DMB Associates' original plan envisioned 8,000 to 12,000 residential units on 1,436 acres of salt flats long owned and mined by Cargill. The project also calls for office buildings, stores, schools, playing fields and restoration of some marshes.

Earlier this year, Redwood City asked the public to tell it what concerns about the project should be addressed by a state-required environmental impact review. A report summarizing nearly 900 pages of public comments was released in August. Although DMB Associates intended to submit a revised project description to Redwood City by the end of this year, Smith said the company needs more time to rework its plan as a result of all the public responses received.

"I'd love to say weeks, but I don't think months is out of the realm," Smith said. "We want to take the time to make sure we're bringing forward our best thoughts in light of all the feedback we've received."

Among other questions asked during the "scoping" period, people wanted to know how the development would affect air and water quality, wildlife species and their habitats, utilities, transit, traffic and the nearby port.

Any alteration to one aspect of the development is sure to have ripple effects, Smith said. If changes are made to address concerns that some homes would be too close to the port's industrial activities, for example, other components of the plan would need to be moved as well.

"It's not one single thing, it's interrelated," Smith said.

Blake Lyon, Redwood City's acting principle planner, said the city also wants more details from DMB.

“We’ve been asking them for clarity around project details, transportation issues, water issues, a lot of things that have come up in the course of the scoping comments,” Lyon said.

When the revised proposal is submitted, the public will get another chance to comment before it is submitted for the official environmental review, Lyon said.

David Lewis, executive director of Save the Bay, an environmental group that opposes development of the salt flats, said he views DMB’s delay as a sign that the company finally recognizes the “massive and growing opposition to their project.”

**Andree Greenberg - Re: Fwd: Redwood City ponds**

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**From:** Andree Greenberg  
**To:** Shin-Roei Lee  
**Date:** 11/22/2011 1:41 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Redwood City ponds  
**CC:** Brian Wines; Habte Kifle; Keith Lichten

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Hi Shin-Roei,

Below is an email from Keith to Carin High that he sent her this morning. I believe, but am not sure, that the Corps determined that the activity that Carin called our attention to last year was part of normal salt making and covered by Cargill's Corps permit. However, Carin's new photos, along with whatever information Habte is gathering on filling the salt ponds, may shed a different light on it. When Habte has concluded his investigation, perhaps we can meet with him to discuss it. Keith recommends that we determine what we expect from Cargill based on our regulations and the certification or order issued to Cargill.

Keith, if you want to clarify my interpretation of what we discussed, please do.

Thanks,  
Andree

>>> Keith Lichten Tuesday, November 22, 2011 10:35 AM >>>  
Carin,

Thank you for emailing us about this. It's an issue we're looking into. Previously, Peter Baye sent letters to us, the Corps, and BCDC regarding observed instances of fill in the salt ponds, and specifically several Cargill ponds in Newark and Redwood City. To my knowledge, neither the Corps nor BCDC have acted.

Habte Kifle of my staff is working on this case. I'm going to transfer internally as of January 1--I will be joining our Planning Division to supervise grant, TMDL, and Basin Planning work--but feel free to contact Habte at (510) 622-2371 or via email to [hkifle@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:hkifle@waterboards.ca.gov) regarding the status of the case, or if you have additional information. I've passed your email and photos along to him.

Of course, feel free to give me a call, as well--I will still be here and would be happy to pass along any messages.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Regards,

-Keith

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>>> C/H High <[howardhigh1@comcast.net](mailto:howardhigh1@comcast.net)> 11/22/2011 9:48 AM >>>

----- Original Message -----

**Subject:**Redwood City ponds

**Date:**Tue, 22 Nov 2011 09:31:41 -0800

**From:**C/H High <[howardhigh1@comcast.net](mailto:howardhigh1@comcast.net)>

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**CC:**Florence & Philip <[florence@refuge.org](mailto:florence@refuge.org)>

Dear Jane etal,

I hope you are all well.

I was looking at the new aerial photography on Google Earth recently and wonder how this filling in the southwest corner of Pond 8e is consistent with "ongoing salt production" activities and why this wouldn't be considered filling of Section 10 jurisdiction? I don't recall seeing this on any of the annual reports and don't know how this activity could be permitted under any of the existing permits. This is an area that has never had this type of activity prior to 2005 and you can see the tremendous increase in the disruption of the historic slough trace.

Regards,  
Carin High

## Andree Greenberg - Re: Fwd: Redwood City ponds

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**From:** Brian Wines  
**To:** Greenberg, Andree; Lee, Shin-Roei  
**Date:** 11/22/2011 10:34 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Redwood City ponds

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I'd say the last two are pretty convincing.  
But I think the previous batch of photos were just as convincing.

Should we ask to have a meeting with Jane and Cameron to dicuss their take on it.

Or do we try bring our enforcement team into this issue?

Brian Wines  
Water Resources Control Engineer  
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board  
510-622-5680

>>> Andree Greenberg 11/22/11 12:09 PM >>>  
Hi Shin-Roei & Brian,

I'm forwarding Carin High's photos of the Pond 8e at the Redwood Saltworks site that she copied Keith Lichten and me on (I believe she met with you, Shin-Roei, last year). I believe the Corps' previous response was that the filling was part of normal salt production activities but she may have more convincing photos than the previous ones. If you think there is a problem that we should address, please let us know and/or contact Carin.

Thanks,  
Andree

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**From:** C/H High <howardhigh1@comcast.net>  
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**Date:** 11/22/2011 10:26 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Redwood City ponds

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Thank you Andree -

Carin

On 11/22/2011 10:11 AM, Andree Greenberg wrote:

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